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March 14, 2012

TO: John Krattli  
Acting County Counsel

FROM: Sachi A. Hamai  
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF  
LOS ANGELES' SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA CONCERNS

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting held March 13, 2012, Supervisor Antonovich requested you to review various agenda action items being considered by the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles special meeting being held this week to address some concerns including the following:

- How the Agency can consider such actions as: transfer of property, considering a Golden Handshake Provision, and extending new and existing contracts when redevelopment agencies are supposed to be downsizing;
- Why it seems that the Agency is not "winding down" but conducting business as usual;
- How the State handles this, or if it looks the other way on these "emergency" meetings and action items; and
- If the Department of Finance auditors are reporting to the taxing agencies on these actions; and if they are able to prevent these actions from taking place.

Enclosed are a Special Meeting Agenda for the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles and a copy of the transcript to assist you in preparing your report.

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Enclosures

c: Each Supervisor



**The Meeting Transcript of  
The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors**

1 1960 WITH HER LATE HUSBAND JACK. MARIE EVELYN GARRISON OF  
2 PALMDALE, SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. ROBERT SHERMAN,  
3 THE GREAT ARTIST IN WRITING AND PLAYING MUSIC, HE AND HIS  
4 BROTHER, RICHARD, WON THE ACADEMY AWARDS FOR BEST SONG AND  
5 BEST SCORE FOR "MARY POPPINS," AND THEY CONTRIBUTED TO "THE  
6 PARENT TRAP," "JUNGLE BOOK" AND "BED KNOBS AND BROOM STICKS,"  
7 AMONG OTHER GREAT DISNEY FILMS, WINNING 7 ACADEMY AWARD  
8 NOMINATIONS AND WINNING THREE GRAMMIES. AND RICHARD PACHAL,  
9 LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIRED. HARRY FORBES, PASSED AWAY  
10 AT THE AGE OF 88, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF. AND RICHARD ANTRAM,  
11 PASSED AWAY, HE WAS A RETIRED LIEUTENANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS I WANT  
13 TO ASK BECAUSE THIS INFORMATION CAME IN JUST YESTERDAY OR  
14 ACTUALLY I RECEIVED IT THIS MORNING. AND I WANT TO ASK AGAIN  
15 COUNTY COUNSEL THESE QUESTIONS, AS WELL, BECAUSE IT DEALS WITH  
16 A MEETING THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IS  
17 GOING TO BE HAVING THIS WEEK. AND IT'S INTERESTING. LET ME GET  
18 SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS HERE. ONE, THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT A  
19 TRANSFER OF PROPERTY. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT ALLOWING FOR  
20 GOLDEN HANDSHAKES FOR EMPLOYEES. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT  
21 EXTENDING NEW CONTRACTS AND EXTENDING EXISTING CONTRACTS. AND  
22 THE QUESTION IS: HOW ARE THEY ABLE TO DO THAT WHEN THE  
23 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DOWNSIZING AND NOT  
24 TAKING ANY NEW ACTIONS?

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1   **JOHN KRATTLI:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, AS YOU KNOW, REDEVELOPMENT  
2   AGENCIES WERE DISSOLVED EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1. SO I'M NOT SURE  
3   HOW THAT ACTION COULD BE TAKEN. IT'S SOMETHING WE COULD  
4   CERTAINLY LOOK INTO AND REPORT BACK TO YOUR BOARD.

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6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 6 ON THEIR AGENDA PROVIDES RENEWS  
7   GRANTS, CONTRACTS FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES, SECURES -- ANOTHER  
8   ITEM 5, SECURES TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS  
9   FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. ITEM 8 EXTENDS AND MODIFIES GRANT  
10  AGREEMENTS. ITEM 9 APPROVES ON-SITE PLANS. ITEMS 3 AND 7  
11  DISCUSS THE TRANSFER OF MILLIONS IN GRANT FUNDING TO DIFFERENT  
12  DEPARTMENTS. SO, THIS, AGAIN, IS NOT WINDING DOWN BUT AN  
13  AGENCY THAT'S CONDUCTING BUSINESS AS USUAL. AND DOES THE  
14  STATE, HOW DO THEY HANDLE THIS? DO THEY LOOK THE OTHER WAY?  
15  DOES THE DEPARTMENT FINANCE AUDITORS? ARE THEY ABLE TO PREVENT  
16  THESE ACTIONS FROM TAKING PLACE? DO THEY REPORT TO THE TAXING  
17  AGENCIES LIKE THE COUNTIES OR SCHOOLS RELATIVE TO THESE  
18  ACTIONS? SO IF YOU COULD ANSWER SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS AND  
19  MAKE A REPORT TO US. THIS TAKES PLACE ON WEDNESDAY OR  
20  THURSDAY. MAYBE WE COULD DISCUSS SOME OF THIS IN EXECUTIVE  
21  SESSION?

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23   **JOHN KRATTLI:** I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE THAT WE REVIEW  
24   THE MATTER AND REPORT BACK TO YOUR BOARD. CERTAINLY WE CAN --  
25   STAFF CAN ATTEND THE MEETING AND THEN REPORT BACK.



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2 SUP. ANTONOVICH: THANK YOU. THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.

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4 ~~SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:~~ MR. RIDLEY THOMAS DO YOU HAVE ANY  
5 ADJOURNING MOTIONS? ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M  
6 GOING TO CALL FOUR PEOPLE UP. IRENE PANG. MICHAEL CRAWFORD,  
7 VANESSA DUNN, AND ERIC PREVEN. MISS PANG, GO AHEAD.

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9 ~~IRENE PANG:~~ I BELIEVE THAT MY FAMILY AND MY BROTHER'S SCHOOL  
10 IS WORKING HARD AND THEY WILL DO WELL JOB. ALSO I BELIEVE THAT  
11 THEIR UNDERSTANDING THE PRINCIPLE AND POLICIES OF THE U.S.  
12 NATION ALSO IS MOST NATION'S CONCERN. THERE IS BETTER TO  
13 PROTECT OLD STYLE AND SOCIETY THE DEVELOPMENT. ALSO I BELIEVE  
14 THAT ANY ILLEGAL ADD TO ANYONE'S PROPERTY THAT AGAINST THE LAW  
15 AND AGAINST THE HUMAN RIGHTS. SAY AGAIN. I BELIEVE THAT  
16 PASADENA IS A PART OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THEIR PROGRAM  
17 HELD IN UNION STATION IS SUPPORT BY GOVERNMENT. THE PERSONS  
18 LIKE ME GO THERE FOR THE TREATMENT FOR THERE IS ALSO  
19 SAME THE MONEY FOR THEIR HEALTH EXPENSES OF THE GOVERNMENT.  
20 UNION STATION DOESN'T PROVIDE THE PARKING MY CAR ONLY PARK IN  
21 THE PUBLIC STREET. ON THE SAME STREET THERE ARE CARS PARKED  
22 FOR A WHOLE DAY. AND THEY ARE NOT WAITING, HOW THE TREATMENT  
23 IS MORE THAN TWO HOURS. I REMEMBER THE HOSPITAL CHARGED 8,000  
24 FOR THE TREATMENT ON THIS EMPTY SEAT IN THE PAST. IN THE  
25 PRESENT TIME, ARE USING THE OLD WAY HOT WATER AND CHEMICAL AND

**CRA/LA, A DESIGNATED LOCAL AUTHORITY  
(SUCCESSOR TO  
THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CA)**

## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**MARCH 15, 2012**

This Agenda was posted on or before Friday, March 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., at 1200 W. Seventh Street in the Main Lobby, as well as the 1st Floor Lobby. Copies of this Agenda will be available at the Records Department on the 2nd floor at the Garland Center.

**AGENDA AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT**

<http://www.crala.org>

**9:30 A.M.**

**(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME)**

**THE GARLAND CENTER**

**1200 W. 7<sup>TH</sup> Street, 1<sup>ST</sup> Floor Auditorium**

**Los Angeles, California**

**Board meeting to consider Agenda Items**

**Governing Board Members**

Nelson Rising, Chairman  
Mee Semcken, Vice Chair  
Timothy McOsker, Board Member

Christine Essel, Chief Executive Officer

**Accommodations such as sign language interpretation and translation services can be provided upon 72 hours notice. Contact Sharron Hasley @ (213) 977-1758.**

**Rules for Public Participation have been provided on the reverse side of this page.**

## ROLL CALL

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2012
2. RESCISSION OF CONDITIONALLY APPROVED CRA/LA PROJECTS. RESCISSION OF CONDITIONALLY APPROVED CRA/LA PROJECTS AND THEIR RELATED AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND LOANS, OCCURRING BETWEEN JUNE 29, 2011 AND DECEMBER 29, 2011  
Staff: David Riccitiello / Duran Villegas
3. TRANSFER OF PROPOSITION 84 GRANT PORTFOLIO. EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS TO TRANSFER \$29,389,231 IN AWARDED PROPOSITION 84 GRANTS AND \$25,115,510 IN PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, BUREAU OF SANITATION, AND LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE FOR PERFORMANCE IN THE DOWNTOWN, SOUTH LOS ANGELES, HOLLYWOOD/CENTRAL, AND HARBOR REGIONS (Councilmembers Reyes, LaBonge, Koretz, Perry, Wesson, Garcetti & Buscaino - CD's #1, #4, #5, #9, #10, #13 and #15)  
Staff: David Riccitiello / Josh Rohmer
4. 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET CROSSINGS RECIPROCAL EASEMENT. CONSENT TO RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT (REA) AND SUBORDINATION OF CRA/LA LOANS TO REA FOR PHASES A1 AND A2 OF THE UHC 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET CROSSINGS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT 814 EAST 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE COUNCIL DISTRICT NINE CORRIDORS SOUTH OF THE SANTA MONICA FREEWAY RECOVERY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (Councilmember Perry – CD #9)  
Staff: Jenny Scanlin / Josh Rohmer / Jason Neville

**PUBLIC HEARING**

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON TWO YEARS' ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT IN THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) FOR CERTAIN DESIGNATED CLASSIFICATIONS.  
Staff: Steve Valenzuela / Patricia Francisco

**ACTION ITEMS**

6. RENEW GRANT FOR COMMUNITY MARKET CONVERSION PROGRAM. AUTHORIZATION TO (1) EXTEND THE TIME OF PERFORMANCE WITH LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE, NATHAN CHENG CONSULTING AND LEWIS/SCHOEPLIN ARCHITECTS, (2) RETAIN THE \$240,000 RENEW GRANT AND (3) ENTER INTO A \$300,000 CONTRACT WITH A TO-BE-SELECTED CONTRACTOR TO COMPLETE THE SCOPE OF WORK REQUIRED BY THE RENEW GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE COMMUNITY MARKET CONVERSION PROGRAM (Councilmembers Parks, Perry & Wesson – CDs #8, #9, & #10)  
Staff: David Riccitiello / Isabel Rivero

7. TRANSFER OF PROPOSITION 40 AND PROPOSITION K GRANTS, HOPE STREET FAMILY CENTER. EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS TO TRANSFER AWARDED PROPOSITION 40 (\$3,000,000) AND PROPOSITION K (\$591,000) GRANTS FOR THE HOPE STREET FAMILY CENTER TO CHMC HOPE STREET FAMILY CENTER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC, CITY CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. (Councilmember Perry – CD #9)  
Staff: Jenny Scanlin / Nick Saponara
8. MODIFICATIONS TO EXECUTED GRANT AGREEMENTS. AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND OR EXTEND EXISTING GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENTS (Citywide – CDs #1 - #15)  
Staff: Nick Saponara / Curt Gibbs
9. MIDTOWN CROSSING ART PLAN – NON-MONETARY APPROVALS. CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF ON-SITE ART PLAN, MINOR VARIATION FROM MID-CITY RECOVERY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN'S SIGNAGE STANDARDS, AND MODIFICATION OF ON-SITE SIGNAGE PROGRAM AT 4550-4650 W. PICO BOULEVARD IN THE MID-CITY RECOVERY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (Councilmember Wesson – CD #10)  
Staff: Barron McCoy / Michelle Banks-Ordone / Susan Gray

#### **ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

10. REPORT ON THE CRA/LA ART COLLECTION AND ART TRUST FUND  
Staff: David Riccitiello / Susan Gray
11. REPORT ON THE TERMINATION OF CONTRACT NUMBERS 503630 AND 50361 BETWEEN CRA/LA AND THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE  
Staff: Barron McCoy
12. REPORT ON THE SELMA COMMUNITY HOUSING PROJECT, SELMA COMMUNITY HOUSING, L.P., 1603 NORTH CHEROKEE AVENUE IN THE HOLLYWOOD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA  
Staff: Barron McCoy / Neelura Bell
13. REPORT ON STATUS OF CRA/LA LOAN PORTFOLIO AND LOANS IN DEFAULT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011  
Staff: Margarita de Escontrias / Stanley Lefkowitz

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

14. Speaker's form must be filled out and submitted to the Secretary prior to the beginning of Public Comment. Each speaker is limited to 2 minutes unless a time extension is allowed. Members of the public may address any item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

15. A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the Govt. Code)

1. *Mei Ling v. City of Los Angeles, CRA/LA et al.* (US District Court No. CV11-7774).

2. *Independent Living Center of Southern California v. City of Los Angeles, CRA/LA, et al.*  
(US District Court No. SACV12 0062).

3. *Housing Discrimination Complaint, Jahanabad, Ali v. Academy Village* (Inquiry No. 312635; HUD Case No. 09-12-0454-8).

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 of the Govt. Code)

Investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice re Accessible Housing for Individuals with Handicaps.

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
(Section 54957.6 of the Govt. Code)

Bargaining Instructions - The affected employees are represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME Nos. 164, 585, 1890 and 2204). The Board will meet in closed session to receive an update on the bargaining and also on the Reduction in Force (RIF) Golden Handshake provision. Agency Designated Representatives: Christine Essel, Steve Valenzuela, Patricia Francisco, and Vivienne Swanigan.

D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
(Section 54956.8 of the Govt. Code)

Property: "Clean Tech Site" 2425-2455 East Washington Blvd., Los Angeles; Agency Negotiators: Jenny Scanlin, Alex Paxton, Christine Kalamaros; Negotiating Party: Brad Cox, Trammell Crow; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of sale.

ADJOURNMENT